Procurement of T-90 Tanks

3590. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed for procurement of fully formed T-90s Tanks and Transfer for Technology for indigenous licensed production of T-90s;

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed within which T-90 are going to be inducted into the Indian Army;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any action plan has been prepared for indigenously manufacturing T-90s in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Two contracts have been signed in February, 2001 with M/s RVZ Russia for supply of Fully Formed T-90 Tanks and Transfer of Technology for their indigenous licensed production.

(c) and (d) All imported Fully Formed T-90 Tanks have already been inducted, while induction of assembled tanks from imported kits is ongoing for which a time schedule has been framed.

(e) Yes, Sir.

States without Cantonment/Headquarter of Battalion of Indian Army

†3591. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in the country where there is no Cantonment or Headquarter of Battalion of Indian Army;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the States in respect of which a proposal for setting up of the same is under consideration; and

(d) the details of the action being taken for setting up of the same in Chhattisgarh?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.